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15. SHOPPING STREET IN MILANO

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STORY: A 160 years of tradition and heritage of legendary hat making is not coming to a haul says the employees.

    Famous Italian company who’s classic fedoras and panamas have been worn by the likes of Winston Churchill, Humphrey Bogart in Casablanca, John Belushi in The Blues Brothers and Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones, has been declared bankrupt by Italian court on Monday (December 18).

   But Haeres Equita, which manages the brand’s activities since 2015, clarified that the bankruptcy is based on technical and legal reasons and do not concern the business managed by Haeres Equita since the end of 2015.

   The court’s decision does therefore not mean the end of the manufacture processes in Alessandria in the northern region of Piedmont, which currently employs 130 people and produces 150,000 hats a year.

   To the contrary on Wednesday (December 20) Gabriele Allegro, stock and shipping manager of Borsalino confirmed that the demand is high as each holiday season.

   “Like every year, during the holiday period there’s an increase in orders and to guarantee deliveries to our customers we have also taken on more staff over the last few weeks,” he said.

    “The majority of the customers are Italian but we have many international clients that come here to buy their Christmas gift. We are very proud to share with them our story heritage because Borsalino is handmade, Borsalino is made in Italy and we are unique for this thing,” added Francesca Caso, Borsalino sales person in their boutique in Milan.

    The brand also confirmed this week they intend to continue to carry on the positive trend from the past 24 months, preserving the production, the commercial and communication activities of the forthcoming collections.

    “Well we have completed the spring summer campaign and the results that we have achieved are very very positive The orders have been processed , they are in the production pipeline and many of which have already been in delivery. We are looking forward seeing our new products in the stores very soon,“ said Gabriella di Carlo , Borsalino Commercial Director.